इलाहाबाद में यमुना किनारे पर्यटन को बढ़ावा

414. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इलाहाबाद में यमुना किनारे पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिये केन्द्रीय सरकार के विचाराधीन कोई योजना है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस योजना के क्रियान्वयन के लिये कितनी धनराशि निर्धारित की गई है ?

वाणिज्य और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री अरुण कुमार नेहरू) : (क) से (ग) पर्यटन विभाग, इलाहाबाद सहित, पर्यटक अभिरूचि के विभिन्न स्थानों पर प्रचार सामग्री का निर्माण करता है। सातवीं योजना के दौरान पर्यटन विभाग ने इलाहाबाद का एक पर्यटन केन्द्र के रूप में विकास करने के लिये निम्न लिखित परियोजनायें स्वीकृत की है:-

(1) नेहरू घाट का विकास (37.18 लाख रु.)

(2) इलाहाबाद में फास्ट फूड काउन्टर (3.88 लाख रु.)

(3) इलाहाबाद में यात्री निवास (29.42 लाख रु.)

IMF loans

415. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are negotiating for any loans from the international Monetary Fund;

(b) what are the basic norms and conditions laid down by Government in accordance with the accepted economic and fiscal policies for securing such IMF loans; and

(c) what is the extent of loans sought to be obtained from IMF?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) does not arise.

Electoral reforms

416. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Congress (I) party has on December 9, 1989, submitted a memorandum to the President of India urging electoral reforms in order to prevent Indian democracy from degenerating into a "rowdy and crazy mobocracy";

(b) if so, what were the main reforms demanded by the Party; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Smuggling of Gold into the country

417. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling of gold into the country continues unabated;

(b) if so, what are the details involving seizure of smuggled gold during the past six months;

(c) what steps have been taken to effectively check smuggling of gold into the country; and

(d) what are the comparative figures showing smuggling gold seized during the six month period, January—June and July—December in 1988 and 1989?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) Available reports indicate that gold continues to be sensitive to smuggling into the country. The quantity and value of contraband gold seized throughout the country during the last six months from July to December, 1989 (upto 21-12-1989) is given below in reply to part (d) of the question.

(c) Government is firmly resolved to combat smuggling of all commodities including that of gold. The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery throughout the country, particularly, at the international airports, sea ports and in the vulnerable areas of the coastline and the land borders have been geared up. Close co-ordination is being maintained with all the agencies concerned in the detection and prevention of smuggling namely: the Coast Guard, the Border Security Force and the State Police authorities etc. Sophisticated equipment like : X-ray baggage machines, Metal detectors and Night vision binoculars are being increasingly used. The persons found involved in smuggling activities are penalised in departmental adjudication proceedings and also prosecuted in Courts of law in appropriate cases. They are also detained under the provisions of the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, 1974, if considered necessary.

(d) Comparative figures showing smuggled gold seized during six months period, January—June and July—December in 1988 and 1989 are given below:-

Year	Quantity of gold seized (In Kgs.)	Value of gold seized (Rs. in crores)
January—June, 1988	2319.531	75.41
July—December, 1988	3774.254	125.12
January—June, 1989*	4494.402	143.53
July—December, 1989* (Upto 21-12-1989)	3548.305	112.26

*Figures are provisional.

Seizure of smuggled narcotics

418. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of smuggled narcotics have been seized by the enforcement and customs authorities during the past six months;

(b) if so, what are the details of such seizures; and

(c) what steps have been taken to effectively prevent smuggling and trading in narcotics in the country?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Following quantities of various drugs have been seized for the period from 1-6-1989 to 30-11-1989 by